Hochholm 27 September 1861.

Honoured Sir!

I am almost uncertain if You do remember me; for thinking how long since I wrote to You or received any letter from Your hand, I must believe me quite forgotten. And the worst is that I feel me ~~dese~~ to deserve it. — But I pray ~~to~~ You listen to that little I have to say in my favour.

The last and this year I was absorbed in concluding that monograph of the Willows I was unfortunate to promise to De Candolle. My manuscript advancing I hoped to send it to the illustre Editor of the Prodromus at Genf. Then my wife made an revolution in my tranquil home,

You ~~desired~~ some year ago ~~to~~ to have a photograph of Your humble Servant. I now take the liberty to send one, hoping that You will look ~~milder~~ at it more mild and forbearing, than ~~as~~ a creditor usually looks on a debtor. Scarcely I can say how happy you would make me by sending me your portrait; it should be a honour for me to have it in my chamber not only as a ~~fatherly~~ mighty fautor, but also as a fatherly friend.

I have the honour to remain for ever

Your most obliged

N. J. Andersson.

I scarcely need to tell You with how much interest we all, free citizens in an old free country, wish that order may soon return in disturbed America, and good result from trouble and sorry.

and disturbed my working-leasure. She gave
my a boy (the third now – of me miserum!) and
after it She was taken so ill, that I was obli-
ged to go with her to a seabath – and there
to devote the entire summer.

Before ending my treatise upon the willows
I nor would nor could write to You. I felt my
ashamed to keep your collection so long, and I
would ~~expect to~~ tell You at once: now I have
finished, now I send You back your herbarium.

But – as You see – fata non sic volunt!
It yet want some time before I can have the
pleasure to announce you ~~that~~ I have been
liberated from a task laid upon me since many
years. Then I will be happy ~~to~~ immediately
to send your Salices back again.

Through the kindness of Dr. J. D. Hooker I
have got occasion to see the willows brought from
America ~~by~~ from Oregon, Frazer River and Saskatche-
wan, Rocky mountains &c. by ~~[illegible]~~ Lyall, Bourgeau &c.
There are many very curious forms very allied to
those from eastern Asia, (and many ~~[illegible]~~ connecting
forms of ancient species as S. sitchensis, S. speciosa
&c.

I shall be most happy to communicate with
You ~~this~~ this winter an enumeration of all willows
which I know from America. As you wished
I will also draw up diagnoses for those, growing
in the territory which Your admirable Manual
comprehends.

Sending back your willows I will take care
that You may have some interesting swedish plants
newly detected in our country.